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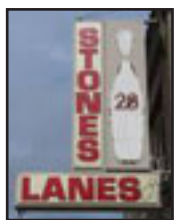
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Scott Mueller attempts to bring novices up to speed on the campus sensation that is the Xavier basketball programs.

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# Xavier campus expansion opens

BY DAVID MAXWELL  
Staff Writer

Xavier underclassmen, upper-classmen and staff alike should notice a number of physical changes around campus as they arrive for the new school year.

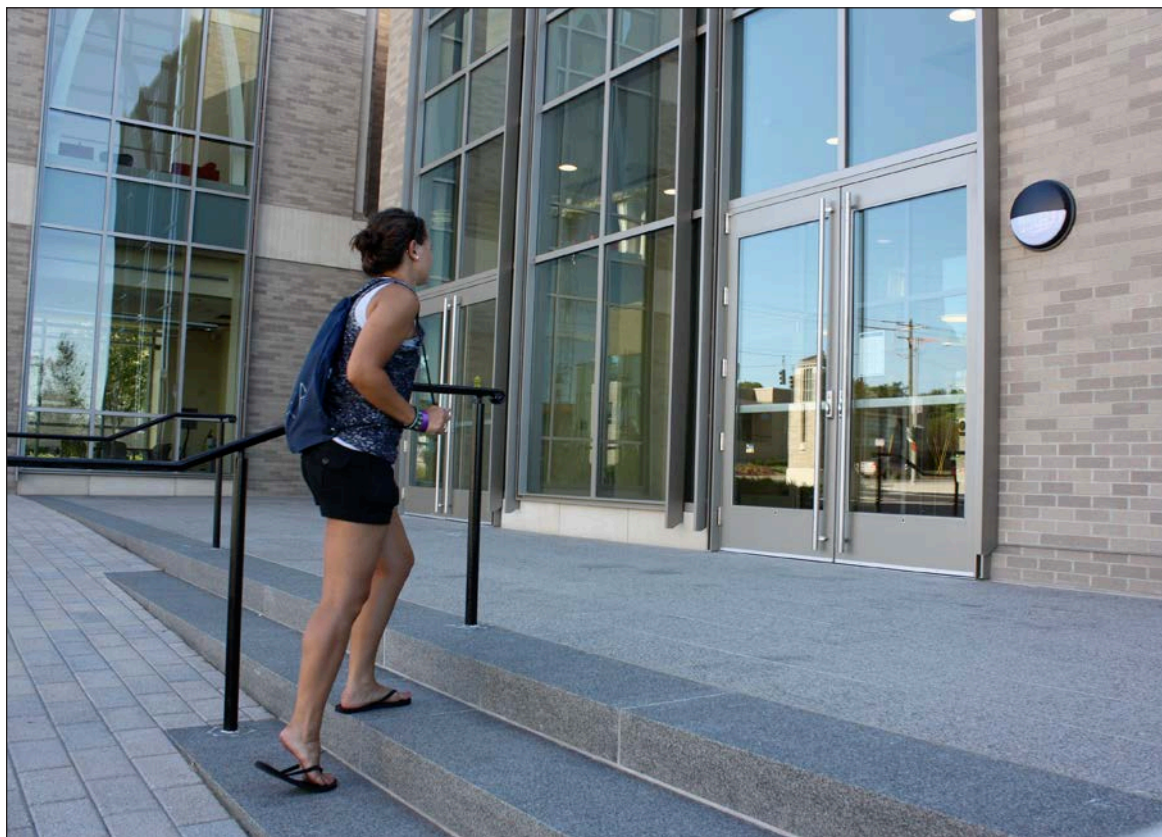
Stephen and Dolores Smith Hall—housing the Williams College of Business—the Conaton Learning Commons and a new utility plant at the corner of Dana Avenue and Ledgewood Avenue were completed during the summer months.

Construction on Xavier's new residence hall and cafeteria continued to progress since students were last on campus, and will be completed in time for the Fall 2011 semester.

The piles of dirt and building material that were present for most of the school year have transformed into fully landscaped, fully furnished and fully functional buildings open for staff and student use.

Incoming freshman who got a look at the campus in May and June for PREP should also recognize the continued campus makeover.

"The new buildings add such aesthetic value to the campus," incoming freshman Courtney



Newswire photo by Alexa von Bargaen

Students like junior Kara Silagy will be able to use the Hoff Academic Quad to begin the 2010-11 school year.

Cox said. "And I am so glad to be able to use them my first year at Xavier."

A new traffic circle and additional greenspace has been added to the area between Dana Avenue and Bellarmine Chapel along Ledgewood Avenue.

Ledgewood has also been di-

verted to run in between the William's College of Business and the new residence hall at the corner of Ledgewood and Herald Avenue.

The area around the new buildings has been landscaped, which has created a smaller green space and network of sidewalks con-

necting Xavier's two newest buildings, collectively known as the Hoff Academic Quad.

Smith Hall was constructed to provide a spacious and cutting-edge home for Xavier's renowned William's College of Business.

Bob Cotter, Associate Vice President for Information

Resources, said the goal behind the learning commons was to "create a scholarly and social learning environment for students."

"In comparison, Gallagher has become a more social area or student union," Cotter said. "Where the Learning Commons is aimed at becoming a more open, yet academic area."

These additions and changes have come as Xavier is forced to accommodate more students than ever before.

The two most recent freshman classes each contain more than 1,000 students, the first two classes since 1946 to exceed 900 students.

Construction of the Hoff Academic Quad was completed in June and some staff members were able to move into new offices in the buildings at the beginning of August.

Cotter moved in to his new office in the Learning Commons and said the new "open-door system where all staff and students work together" was "challenging, yet exciting."

According to Hoff Quad Twitter updates on August 4th, classrooms in the Conaton Learning Commons were complete, furnished, and awaiting student arrival.

## New programs, same old enthusiasm at Manresa

BY SARAH WIETEN  
Managing Editor

First year students who arrive at Xavier on Friday morning will be greeted by a changed, but still characteristically enthusiastic, Manresa program.

Manresa, Xavier's welcome program for first year students, is this year themed "History in the making" with each small group representing a history-changing individual.

"I think we choose this theme because for Manresa it's important that people see that college is history in the making. What you do here will shape who you are for the rest of your life." Emily Gilbride, New Student Program Coordinator, said.

Among the changes made by this year's core to previous year's programming is the elimination of the "Playfair" activity, and its replacement with an "Athletic Kick-Off" program on Friday, August 21st, at 9pm. The program will feature welcomes and information about the different athletic seasons from various coaches.



Newswire photo by Alexa von Bargaen

Moving in, like sophomore Nick Sagorsky, is the first step of orientation for all first-year students.

"We are also excited to offer a late night movie on Friday night in conjunction with SGA, something we haven't done before," Bill Eichenberger, Special Programs Coordinator, said. The undisclosed movie will be shown Friday, August 21st, at 10:30pm on the residential greenspace.

Another change to the pro-

gram is a new concentration on the needs of commuter students. Commuter students will be invited with their families to a cook-out on the patio of the new Conaton Learning Commons on Friday, and have a new option to shower in the O' Conner Sports Center instead of going home before Sunday's semi-formal dance.

## Smaller freshman class eases student services

BY DOUG TIFFT  
Editor-in-Chief

Despite accepting 23 percent more students for the class of 2014 than had been accepted in the class of 2013, the Admissions Department believes the size of the first year student class will drop from 1,174 to 1,050 for the 2010-11 school year.

Aaron Meis, Dean of Admissions, said 1,062 students had placed a deposit as of Friday, Aug. 13. Meis expects the final number to be roughly 1,050 if students with financial difficulties and extenuating circumstances choose not to attend the University.

The University had set a minimum goal of 975 students to be able to cover necessary costs, and a maximum goal of 1,150 students based on experience with previous classes and the University's ability to accommodate each student's needs.

The 6,500 acceptances, 1,495 students more than in the class of 2013, came out of a pool of 9,300 applicants—the largest number in school history, and 30 percent more than the class of 2013

submitted.

Meis credited the increase to the Admissions Department's efforts with individual recruiters in Denver, Chicago and Boston, as well as a number of beneficial factors outside the Admissions Department's control.

"We have expanded our numbers in the Tri-State and Cincinnati area this year by expanding our outreach," Meis said. "And of course the success of the basketball team contributes on some level."

Even with the increased number of applications, the class size will shrink compared to the class of 2013, which posed logistical issues such as forced tri-

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# GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

Don't remember everything from the tour? Fear not. This map shows all the harder-to-find places at Xavier.

By Doug Tifft





A flip through the Cincinnati Guide

BY LIZZIE GLASER  
Campus News Editor

So you’ve moved into your room in the basement of Brockman and have already made a mess of the space. You’ve been to class, the caf and the library (once). And you’ve rushed to eat at Subway late at night before they close on a Friday. And now you’re bored. Well, my friend, let me give you the *TV Guide* version of the other channels in Cincinnati.

**Top Chef:** You can be the judge of these four fabulous food finds and pick your favorite: ice cream from Greater’s, chili from Skyline, pizza from LaRosa’s and ribs from Montgomery Inn. All local traditions, you can’t live in Cincinnati without having tried each one at least once. You should also taste test Pleasant Ridge Chili and Quatman Café. Why not hit them all in the same night with some friends? Might be hard on the wallet but your stomach will love you.

Chow down at these nearby locations: Greater’s—2704 Erie Ave. in Hyde Park Square., Skyline Chili—4588 Montgomery Rd., LaRosa’s Pizzeria—4702 Montgomery Rd., Montgomery Inn Boathouse--925 Riverside Drive., Pleasant Ridge Chili—6032 Montgomery Rd. and Quatman Café—2434 Quatman Ave.

**Work of Art:** If it’s your art-



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Playhouse in the Park is only one of the many off-campus entertainment options Cincinnati has to offer.

sy side you’re looking to expand in your four years of college, Cincinnati has a thriving arts scene that can be found all over the city. Check out the latest Broadway show at the Aronoff Center downtown, or if you’re looking for something less mainstream, catch a show at the Know Theatre or Ensemble Theatre in the historic arts district of Over-the-Rhine. Eden Park houses the Cincinnati Art Museum and Playhouse in the Park, where you can browse visual arts or opt to see a theatre production. And if all this isn’t enough, enjoy the Final Friday walk, the last Friday of every month in Over-the-Rhine and Pendleton, where independent galleries and boutiques stay open late to allow the community to see and purchase their amazing products.

**Broadway Bound:** Aronoff Center—650 Walnut St., Know Theatre—1120 Jackson St., Ensemble Theatre—1127 Vine St., Cincinnati Art Museum—953 Eden Park Dr. and Playhouse in the Park—962 Mt. Adam’s Circle.

**Shopping Network:** Once you’ve bought all your books, your first “party dress” and a couple of Fresh Fusions salads, if you’re lucky enough to have money left to spend on shopping send it my way.

If you’re not so inclined, be sure to hit up these spots:

Rookwood Pavilion is home to Old Navy, Gap, White House Black Market and plenty of other similar stores. Hyde Park Plaza is right down the road.

As the closest mall to Xavier, Kenwood Towne Center provides that mall atmosphere that, sometimes, you just crave.

Surrey Square is the closest shopping center to Xavier. It is home to Kroger, late night restaurants such as KFC, Taco Bell and McDonald’s, other dining spots such as Chipotle, Skyline Chili and Daata India, and also has Lee Nails, a walk-in salon.

If you get sick of frequenting Kroger, check out Findlay Market. This farmer’s market-type of shopping experience features fresh fruits and veggies, pastas, deli meats and even homemade jewelry and soaps.

Shop til you drop at: Rookwood Pavilion—2692 Madison Rd., Kenwood Towne Center—7875 Montgomery Rd., Surrey Square—Montgomery Rd. and Findlay Market—801 Race St.

**American Idol:** Care to test that beautiful voice of yours by singing along with some bands at a concert? Yeah, your parents will be surprised at what college taught you. Tickets are usually relatively cheap at popular venues such as Riverbend Music Center, Bogart’s and the Mad Frog. And if you don’t get stage fright, check out a karaoke bar (18 and up, of course), such as Uncle Woody’s.

Sing your way away from blue at these addresses: Riverbend Music

Center—6295 Kellogg Ave., Bogart’s—2621 Vine St., Mad Frog—1 East McMillan St. and Uncle Woody’s—339 Calhoun St.

So whether you’re living in Brockman, Buenger, Husman or Kuhlman, sometimes it’s good to just get out. I hope you can take advantage of the wonderful places Cincinnati has to offer, even if you do it in the least expensive way possible. But either way, welcome to the ‘Nati. Feel free to continue channel surfing.

*Not feeling the adventure (or the cash) it takes to travel around Cincinnati? Check out some hot spots at Xavier, or at least within walking distance of campus:*

*Stones Lanes: Everyone loves a good game of bowling. Located right off Montgomery Rd..*

*Coffee Emporium: Need a shot of caffeine before that 8:30 a.m. class? Drop by the entirely student-staffed Coffee Emporium in Gallagher Student Center or at its new café location in the Williams College of Business.*

*Gallagher Student Center Atrium: If you’re craving a sandwich, buffalo wrap, or sweet and sour chicken, stop by Subway, Ryan’s or Blue Gibbon, and enjoy your meal during a game of billiards.*

*Schott Hall Balcony: Possibly the best view of campus. Take the elevator to the 10th floor, head up there around 7:00 p.m.; chances are no one will be there. Bring an ipod and a cold Coke and watch the sun set on another day at Xavier.*

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EDITORIAL | Freshman class size

Enjoy small classes while they last

After a year of being banished to distant, unseen corners of campus for class because the mammoth freshman class had taken every square inch of Alter, and countless weekends seeing innumerable hoards of freshman wandering up and down Montgomery Avenue on a Saturday evening, it is refreshing to hear that the University has mastered the mad science of admissions.

Hitting 1,050 students seems about right for a University in the midst of transforming from a clandestine community of a few thousand students who all took classes in the same dusty brick building with stained carpets, into a midsize Jesuit institution in the mold of Georgetown, Saint Louis University or Marquette.

With 1,049 other people to meet, it is plausible that the incoming freshman will be able to recognize every face walking across the Cintas stage in May of 2014—something most of their successors will likely not be able to claim.

And it is much easier to be able to run for student government, grab the reins in a student club, dive headlong into a service trip or even just grab a patch of grass on the Greenspace with more than 150 fewer people to contend with.

I guess the only downside of the equation may be that with only 19 people in that history lecture it will be harder to catch a nap at 8:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Sorry freshman.

But for most of the students at Xavier, the choice to forgo the state schools or the glitz of a huge private college had a lot to do with the class size and the general comfort that comes from a small community. It is nice to be able to walk five minutes across campus and greet 15 people along the way—something that does not happen many places, and may be a dying aspect of an expanding University.

So enjoy the elbow room, freshman, because may be the last to enjoy such a comfort on this campus.

Oh yeah, and be careful on those walks down Montgomery.

EDITORIAL | Sage wisdom

Advice for the freshman class

As the Newswire welcomes another freshman class to Xavier, we are reminded of our own time as underclassmen, and would like to impart the wisdom of our experience for the benefit of our new classmates.

First and foremost, the primary element of your college experience should be academic; after all, the point of going to school is to leave with a degree, not just a weakened liver. So don't concern yourself too much with picking classes based on the professor's reputation. No matter how many precautions you take, you will inevitably encounter professors you just can't stand. The best way to deal with professors, even those you don't like, is to "get in their face" by going to office hours. Even if you have no questions for them, simply taking 15 minutes to chat with them about the subject will improve their perception of you, not to mention your grasp of the material.

Academics, of course, are only one aspect of the education college provides. Outside the classroom, it is important to get involved socially (which is not merely a euphemism for "get drunk"). Xavier offers a wide range of student clubs and organizations designed to appeal to almost every interest, and you can always create a new one if you want to. Becoming active in the social aspects of Xavier will not only help you to meet new people, but will also give you a better idea of where your skills and interests truly lie.

And, should you choose to socialize off campus, we can give you some tips on that front, as well. First, beware of weekday parties, both for academic reasons and out of basic self-respect. And on those evenings you do go out, try to incorporate a little geographic variety, lest we all endure another year of watching swarms of freshmen heading toward Dana Avenue in much-too-large groups, resembling nothing so much as bugs gravitating toward a streetlight.

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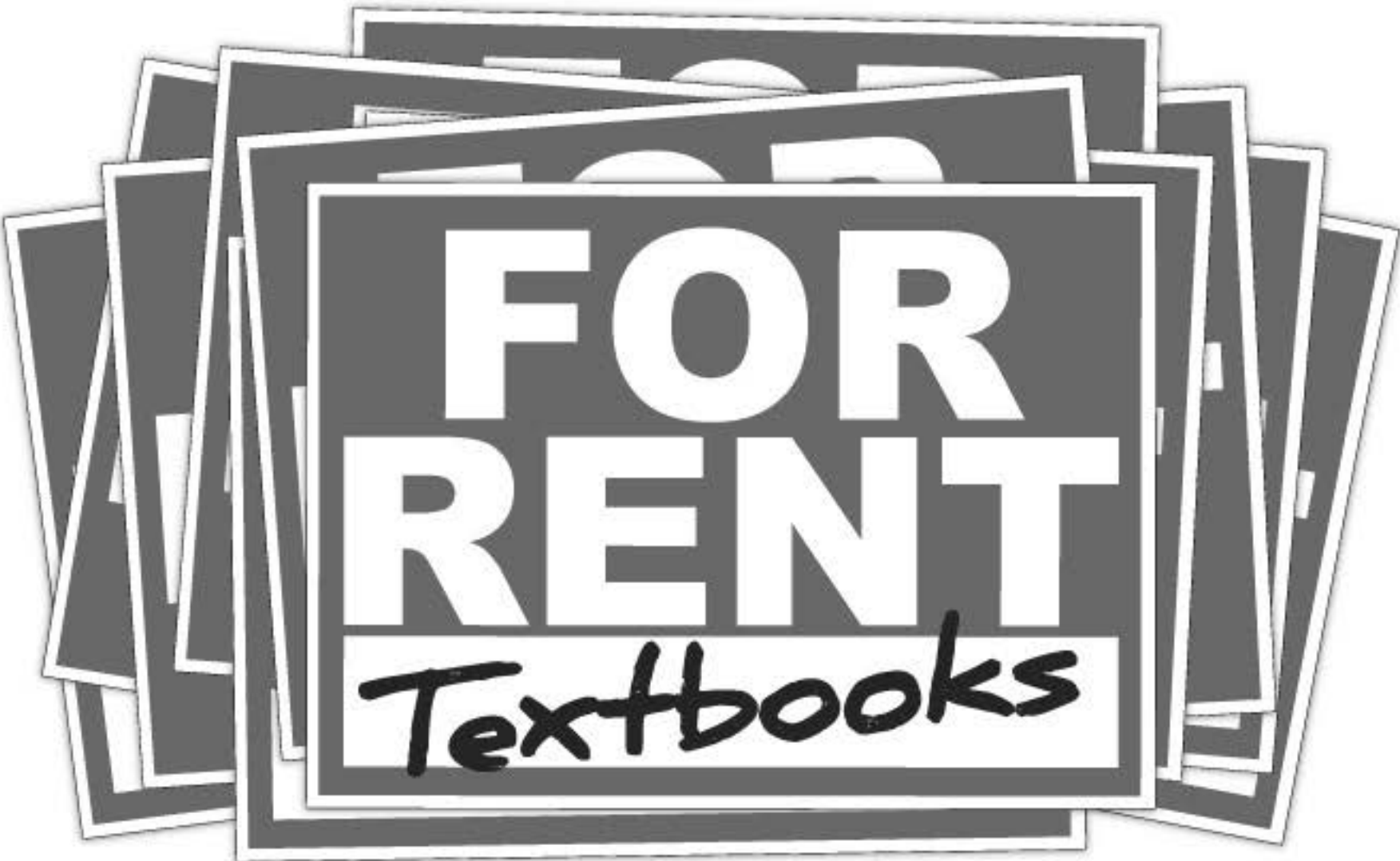


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# Fall Sports: A good opportunity for freshmen

## Three new head coaches look to turn programs around

By JOCELYN TAYLOR  
Staff Writer

In the minds of many Cincinnatians and members of the Xavier bubble, Xavier is a basketball school.

The men and women who take up residence in Cintas during the winter are well deserving of the attention, but XU has more to offer.

This is a guide for die-hard sports fans, casual sports fans, and even non-sports fans of all varieties.

The Xavier men's team grabbed double overtime victory over the University of Cincinnati in last year's Crosstown Shootout becoming an ESPN Classic, and the women's team made their first appearance in the Elite Eight since 2001. Any game by either team will be exciting to attend.

But if you're not a basketball fan these next few paragraphs are for you.

Volleyball and both soccer teams have experienced changes in their coaching staff during the offseason.

Both new soccer coaches have inherited struggling programs and look to turn the teams around.

Last year, the men's and women's teams combined for five wins and only 21 goals in 35 games.



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Junior Chelsea Burns will look to lead a group of young players as the women's soccer team tries to turn the program around.

Men's head coach Andy Fleming has a strong freshmen class coming in this season, highlighted by midfielder Gino Depaoli. Depaoli is a current member of US U-20 team and has been named to the Preseason Atlantic 10 All-Rookie team.

The men's first regular season

game is Wednesday Sept. 1 at Marshall. The first home game is Saturday Sept. 4 against Butler.

The women's team showed some improvement last year, winning three games, two more than in 2008.

The women's team will look for the strong sophomore class of

Leslie Boersma and Brett Sweeny to show continued improvement.

New head coach Woody Sherwood's Muskies' first home game will also be against Butler, on Wednesday Aug. 25.

New volleyball head coach Mike Johnson will have big shoes to fill as former head coach Floyd Deaton resigned after last season.

Deaton recorded the most victories as head coach in Xavier history while leading the Musketeers for 20 years.

Consistently one of the top teams in the A-10, the Musketeers have been picked to finish fourth in the A-10 this season.

Xavier will host the second Xavier Invitational on Friday Sept. 3 and Saturday Sept. 4 at Cintas Center.

If you for some reason cannot bring yourself to go to Xavier sporting events this fall, there are also professional sporting events in Cincinnati that should provide entertainment.

The Cincinnati Reds are currently in a battle for the National League Central division and look to advance to post-season play for the first time since 1995.

If comedy is your forte, the Cincinnati Bengals should provide plenty of antics and laughs this season. The Bengals made head-

lines this past month signing wide receiver Terrell Owens to a one-year contract. He should provide help for the receiving core, one of the weaker parts of a very talented team that won the AFC North last season.

Combined with Chad Ocho-Cinco, Owens and the Bengals should carry a playful attitude all season, as long as the wins keep coming.

Some non-sports fans might be thinking, "What does this have to do with me?" Here's the answer: You may not like sports, but if you come to games around campus you have the opportunity to win big and show off your school spirit.

X-Treme Fans give away pizza before games, and cheerleaders throw t-shirts and toy balls into the crowd.

Cheering loudly at sporting events is a great way to show off your school spirit.

So take this guide as a starting point to get involved in Xavier athletics. If you have the time, try to make it a priority to attend at least one event for each sport.

Having a strong student fan base at each game is a great way to show support for the university and city and a good place to meet new people.

# The State of Xavier Basketball

By SCOTT MUELLER  
Sports Editor

Almost every year, someone will write a letter to the editor claiming the sports section only cares about the basketball teams. This is not true, but at times it may feel like basketball grabs all the headlines.

The basketball teams are arguably the most visible part of Xavier University. Both the men's and women's teams have become regular staples of the NCAA tournament. Many people who cannot say the school's name correctly throughout the country only know the school is located in Ohio because the school appears as "Xavier (OH)" on the NCAA bracket.

Undoubtedly, the basketball

program played some role in many students' decision to attend Xavier. Although the start of basketball season may seem ages away, the thrill of a Crosstown Shootout or a run for an Atlantic 10 championship will be upon us sooner than we know it.

Until Muskie Madness, this brief history of the past couple years and a look to the future will have to suffice. If nothing else, this piece should allow freshmen to speak with some understanding of the Xavier basketball tradition.

Last season the men's team advanced to the Sweet 16 for the third consecutive year. Michigan State is the only other school in the country to lay claim to such a feat. Xavier also made deep runs to the Elite Eight in 2004 and

2008.

The Musketeers have won four straight A-10 regular season championships.

Last season, the Muskies' run ended in one of the best games of the 2010 NCAA tournament, a thrilling double-overtime loss to Kansas State.

Jordan Crawford led the way against Kansas State and all season long. Crawford, along with senior Jason Love, is one of two big losses for the Musketeers, after being drafted in the first round of the NBA draft. Love graduated last spring and may play professionally after recovering from a torn ACL.

Crawford is the 11th Musketeer to be drafted. Three former Musketeer draft picks are still on NBA rosters, including Derrick Brown, '09, David West, '03, and James Posey, '99.

The loss of the dynamic Crawford will hurt. Fortunately for the Muskies junior Terrell Holloway has established himself as an elite point guard in the A-10 and one of the best free throw shooters in the country.

With six seniors on the team, this is one of the more experienced squads Xavier has fielded in a while. However, it is the contributions of the juniors and underclassmen that will ultimately determine if second year head coach Chris Mack can lead his team deep into the tournament of if he will have a sophomore slump.

It is impossible to talk about



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Seniors Amber Harris (left) and Ta'Shia Phillips (right) should both garner National Player of the Year consideration.

the women's basketball team without mentioning the dual post threat of Ta'Shia Phillips and Amber Harris. Both have been named to the Wade Watch, a list of 25 National Player of the Year contenders.

Last season, Phillips and Harris combined to average 30 points and 20.6 rebounds a game for the Muskies.

If Phillips and Harris can both put up big years, the women's team could build on last season's Elite Eight run. Last year was the furthest the women's team has advanced since 2001, when they also made the Elite Eight.

Just as Butler University came within an inch of being crowned men's National Champions last season, the Xavier women came just as close to advancing to the school's first Final Four. But two last second layups failed to fall and

Stanford narrowly edged Xavier.

Senior Special Jennings will be at the helm for the women's team. Last season, the point guard averaged 4.4 assists per game, more than double of anybody else on the team.

Last season the Musketeers completed the A-10 sweep, capturing the A-10 regular season and tournament championships.

Hopefully freshman and any new comers to the Xavier campus now have a sense of the winning tradition of the Xavier basketball program and are looking forward to the coming seasons.

If you feel the need to write a letter saying this article only proves that basketball is the only thing covered, letters can be sent to Newswire-Oped@xavier.edu.

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Junior Terrell Holloway will look to lead the Musketeers to a fifth consecutive Atlantic 10 regular season championship.



Smaller freshman class eases student services

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ples in Brockman, Husman and Kuhlman Halls, and a reconfiguration of the meal options offered by Chartwell's.

The small class size will also likely improve students' quality of life on campus, according to Executive Director of Student Academic Support Services Adrian Schiess.

"Less freshmen means better, faster service from our department and the facilities that they go to," Schiess said. "They don't have to wait in line at the math lab or the writing center or the cafeteria. It improves the services offered to

the students."

Schiess also cited the reduction in expanded occupancy rooms from 80 percent of the freshman class last year to 55 percent (582 students) this year as a likely contributing factor to increasing retention rates, a point Residence Life has worked to improve.

"More students means more demands, so we faced some roommate relations issues last year," Director of Residence Life Lori Lambert said. "But I think everyone is breathing a sigh of relief this year. We look and see 1,064 and say, 'We can do that.'"

Lambert said that 31.5 percent

of the freshman (335 students) in expanded occupancy had requested to be placed there because of the reduced cost, leaving 250 students in expanded occupancy without having requested it.

Despite having fewer students, the class of 2014 will have a larger contingent of African-American, Hispanic and Asian students. The minority classification comprises 20 percent of the incoming class, up from 13 percent last year.

Twenty-one percent of the class of 2014 will be the first person in their family to attend college, and increase from 19 percent last year.

Freshman at a glance	
Valedictorians:	13
Average GPA:	3.53
Average SAT range:	1033-1218
States represented:	38
Countries represented:	12
Most popular major:	Business Undecided
Percent male:	47
Percent female:	53
Percent minority:	20
Most popular girl's name:	Megan
Most popular boy's name:	Michael
Most popular HS:	St. Xavier (26)

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